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Stand Pat, Mr. President

HERE is a rumor from Washington to the effect that the president has consented to a compromise on the railroad rate matter, and the substance of the compromise, as reported, would cut the vital out of the administration measure, and make it a mere string of cyphers, with no figure in front.

The proposition made by the railway attorneys, as we learn it, is to give the commission power to suggest a new rate, when found to be necessary, but such rate not to take effect till ordered by the courts. That would be equivalent to unconditional surrender on the part of the president, and for that reason we do not believe the story. But lest there might be some disposition on the part of the administration to give ground on some important point, it is well for the people of the country to let themselves be heard on the subject, and if a test of popular sentiment could be had in this matter it would be found that from one end of the country to the other would go up to the White House the one earnest acclaim, "Stand Pat, Mr. President!"

The measure proposed by the administration is right, and every attempt that has been made thus far to alter or modify it has been simply an attempt to open some door to the doing of something that is not right. That is one of the reasons—and one that is all sufficient of itself—why the measure should be passed without change, and another which, to many persons will have almost as much weight, is that unless something is done, and done without delay, to render impossible the evil of discrimination, popular discontent with the present system will force upon us in a very few years, the policy of government ownership. That is something that is dreaded by all conservative people, but if the roads prove strong enough now to defeat government control, there will be no alternative but government ownership in the immediate future, and this will then be supported by the people as a matter of self preservation.

IT IS said there has recently taken place a great change in public opinion with respect to the Panama canal. When the rights of the French company were purchased eighteen months ago there was a feeling of gayety. The motto was "Make the Dirt Fly." With pardonable national pride we predicted great things and spoke rather contemptuously of the French failure. But experience has been sobering and as formerly we were too optimistic, now we need to guard against pessimism and to be alert against the discouragement that the lobby that desires no canal constructed is diligently fostering. The thing is no summer holiday, and we may indeed congratulate ourselves if the channel is open by the time the babies of this year become voters.

THE MORNING JOURNAL, welcomes to its exchange table No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Las Vegas Weekly News—and only regrets that its new visitor is to come but once a week instead of every day. Russ Kistler is the editor, which is a sufficient guarantee that the News will be a newspaper, and will not hesitate to talk out in meeting when occasion requires.

ANY republican senator or member of congress who feels that he has had enough of public life can find a short cut across lots to the shelf by opposing the measure for railway rate regulation.

PUBLIC ownership of public utilities—such as water, light, street cars, etc., is rapidly coming to the front as a live issue in American politics, and the time is not very far in the future when it has to be met and dealt with, whether we like it or not.

Give New Mexico a Chance

IF THE present delegate in congress from this territory had a decent regard for the interests of the people he is supposed to represent, he would resign his seat in the house and give New Mexico a chance to be represented by some man who would be able to command some little measure of respect at the hands of congress and the administration. But it is not to be expected that the man who happens to hold the delegateship at the present time will have decency enough to do anything of the sort. He is not built that way. The average man, with his record, as developed during the last three months, would want to take himself out of the public view as much as possible for his own peace of mind, to say nothing of the fact that his remaining in congress utterly neutralizes what little chance New Mexico might otherwise have of receiving any consideration from the national government.

It avails nothing to plead, as the Andrews organs in New Mexico now do, that the territory has been greatly benefitted by the eastern money which he has caused to be expended here, no matter how he got it, because if a regard for the territory constituted any part of his purpose in making such expenditure he would not consent to pursue a policy which he knows cannot fail to result in injury enough to New Mexico to vastly overbalance any good that his expenditures here may have done, incidentally. Every time any citizen of the United States sees the delegate from New Mexico in his seat, or reads his name in the printed proceedings, the Enterprise bank and its dead cashier will pass across the picture, and "Andrews ruined me!" will be the only words to reach the public ear from the New Mexico corner.

IT HAS developed that the Isthmian Canal Commission will not endorse the recommendation for a sea-level canal made by the advisory board of engineers. The report goes first to the commission, then to Secretary Taft, then to the president. It would not be surprising if the canal commission voted almost unanimously against the sea-level idea. At is regarded as doubtful, too, whether Taft favors a sea-level waterway. The position the president will take is not yet clear.

NOW, honest, what do you suppose sensible eastern people think of New Mexico and Arizona, when they hear that people down here object to accepting joint statehood with such splendid donations in the bill? They rightly think we are crazy. But the truth is, it is only quite a small portion of the people of each territory who object to the offer, and they will seek their holes and hide out of sight when the enabling act passes.

NEW YORK papers say there is a growing demand throughout the city that the public libraries keep open after 9 o'clock at night. The system under which the two main reference libraries, Astor and Lenox, and the thirty-four circulating branches in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Richmond, are now conducted, makes practically inaccessible to the great mass of workers the \$50,000 volumes which comprise the collections of the two main libraries.

DELEGATE ANDREWS was sworn in yesterday, as we learn from his organ, of last evening. Bully for Andrews! Who said he wouldn't do anything?

THE Indianapolis News, which is an anti-joint statehood paper concedes that the jointure bill is likely to pass the coming congress.

Sales by the Second Fiddle

The Road to Anthracite.

The court house it was cold and chill, And Justice' shrines Was dark and still; Not a lump of coal The stove to fill, And no receipt on The Dealer's bill; For Don Francisco Stole the till; The county clerk was Nearly froze. The bookkeepers shivered from Top to toes; The district court Was stiff and numb, The sheriff defacto Was on the loose. The state of things was a holy fright, And there wasn't a pound of anthracite.

Till the district attorney by accident Found Uncle Sam hadn't produced his rent— And the court house now is warm and bright— The found the road to anthracite.

"Foiled Again!" muttered Don Francisco.

A force of special detectives has been employed to locate the city of Clifton which was recently visited by flood.

No, gentle reader, the Almanac is not a yellow sheet in the ordinary newspaper sense of the word. It is yellow with age.

Perhaps it was through design rather than accident that the Journal's "lively reporter" didn't get around until the socialist leader's talk was over.

"During his absence from this city Secretary Raynolds paid the national capital a short visit."—The Almanac. That visit was short and to the point.

The Hillsboro Advocate says that New Mexico is sadly in need of an executive of the Folk brand just at this time. As if Miguel wasn't the terror of grafters!

The Socorro Chieftain joins heartily with the Morning Journal in the demand that the "Light be turned on" at the Socorro school of mines. This is encouraging.

After they are through with Turkey the powers should roll up their sleeves and give the Kaiser a little touch of the strenuous life. He is getting entirely too "pearl."

Perhaps it wouldn't be so bad if some of the anti-statehood men would follow the example of the Koreans and commit suicide to emphasize their position on the jointure question.

While some men were blasting near Prescott the other day a goat came along and ate three sticks of giant powder which had been left lying on the ground. The society of that goat has not been particularly sought after since.

A member of the colored joint statehood club of Tucson was fined by the court for throwing rocks at another dusky citizen who refused to sign a statehood position because he said he "had troubles of his own." Anybody that shows how the movement is permeating all classes of citizenship.

The college boys now-a-days are really getting too tough. A student in an Illinois school was run through a sausage mill, dropped off the top of a five-story building, frozen into a cake of ice in an ice factory, run over by three express trains, shot out of a twelve-inch gun, hung from a telegraph pole, buried alive for three days, painted a bright vermilion and then asphyxiated in a gas tank. The victim of the hazards has filed a complaint with the authorities and it is understood the ringleaders will be severely reprimanded.

The Trouble With The Frost Plan

(Farmington Hustler.)

The New Mexican has found a solution of the much-discussed statehood question. It is so simple that the wonder is that it has not been copyrighted before the philosopher who edits the New Mexican surprised the world by its bold conclusion.

The plan makes the securing of statehood just as easy as securing dividends on money invested in a get-rich-quick concern. In fact the arguments for the Frost plan and the get-rich-quick investment have much the same ring in them.

Here is the Frost plan. Let us not ask for statehood until 1908 and then get it. Isn't that simple? It is so simple that it sounds like it had originated with a simpleton. Do you think how Frost knows we will get it then? Rush up or you will spoil the whole thing. Hasn't the New Mexican always fought for statehood?

Then why do you want to ask fool questions?

Of course, there will be a new lower house of congress elected next year that would have to pass the measure, but then do you suppose so ardent an advocate of statehood as the New Mexican would suggest this plan if it did not know that those elected would be favorable? It is not for small folk like you and I to question the prophetic vision of the great editor of the New Mexican.

But, says one, the New Mexican is going to have this congress pass the bill and have it become effective in 1908. Ah, but this congress seems to have a way of its own, which is very different from the Frost plan. Hamilton, the chairman of the committee on territories in the house, has announced that he will favor a joint statehood bill. Speaker Cannon has done the same. Beveridge, the chairman of the committee on territories in the senate, is working with all his great talents to pass the jointure bill. This unique plan reminds us of the fable of the rats which held a convention to determine a method of escaping from the ravages of the cat. It was suggested that a bell be put upon the cat, and all were jubilant over the plan until one old rat asked who was going to put on the bell.

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